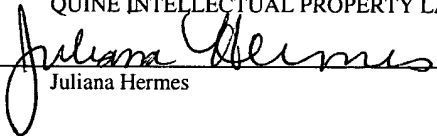


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In response to the Office Action dated **February 6, 2003**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A transmittal sheet;
- 2) A copy of sequence listing as submitted September 19, 2001;
- 3) Copy of 1449 submitted on August 16, 2001;
- 4) Copy of recorded assignments for Patent Nos. 6,287,774 & 6,436,646: and,
- 5) A receipt indication postcard.

AMENDMENTS